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This is a request under 37 CFR 1.53(b) for filing a [X] Continuation [] Division of application
No. 08/784,453, filed January 16, 1997, of Thomas Collins et al.
for PUBLIC KEY CRYPTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS AND METHOD

The application papers filed herewith (specification, claims, originally filed drawings, declaration and power of attorney, and assignment) are true copies of the prior application.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a Continuation of application No. 08/784,453, filed January 16, 1997 and incorporated herein by reference.--

Please enter the enclosed preliminary amendment.
Formal drawings are enclosed

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